

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SAINI ET AL.

Serial No.: **10/736,339**

Filed: **DECEMBER 15, 2003**

Title: **"ON-THE FLY COATING OF ACID-
RELEASING DEGRADABLE MATERIAL
ONTO A PARTICULATE"**

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Group Art Unit: **1762**

Examiner: **TSOY, ELENA**


Atty. Docket No: **HES 2001-IP-005484U1P1**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

Applicants hereby request continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R.
§ 1.114, for the above-identified application.

This request is being submitted before: (i) the abandonment of this application;
(ii) payment of the issue fee; (iii) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for
the Federal Circuit; or (iv) the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or 35
U.S.C. §146.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 1, 2007 (the "Final
Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the

Final Office Action in light of the amendments and remarks below.

Applicants submit the following:

- **Amendments to the Claims**, which are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper; and
- **Remarks/Arguments**, which begin on page 6 of this paper.